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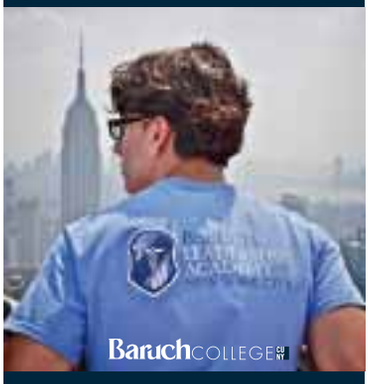

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Can President Trump be dragged into court? 4

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GORSUCH CONFIRMATION VOTE WILL BE APRIL 7

1 Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said that the Senate would have a final vote on April 7 on President Donald Trump's nominee for the Supreme Court, Neil Gorsuch, even as more Democrats opposed his confirmation. The Gorsuch nomination, McConnell told reporters, will hit the Senate floor next week after the Senate Judiciary Committee on Monday approves him. McConnell added that Gorsuch will be "confirmed on Friday" of next week. Senate Republicans continued to put the pressure on Democrats to lend enough support to Colorado appeals court judge Gorsuch to avoid a showdown that in turn could trigger McConnell to seek a change in Senate rules that would clear away a Democratic blockade. REUTERS

WATER LINES TO BE REPLACED IN FLINT

2 Michigan will replace water lines serving at least 18,000 homes in Flint over the next three years under a settlement approved by a U.S. judge to address a 2015 crisis that exposed residents to lead in their drinking water. The state will pay $87 million to identify and replace the service lines containing lead or galvanized steel by 2020, according to the settlement approved by U.S. District Judge David Lawson in Detroit, court documents said. An additional $10 million is being held in reserve. The deal marked a major agreement to replace piping that played a significant role in the Flint water crisis that prompted dozens of lawsuits and criminal charges against former government officials. Lawson found the settlement to be "fair, adequate, reasonable, consistent with the public interest," according to online court documents. REUTERS

BRITISH PM MAY TO FIRE STARTING GUN ON BREXIT

3 Prime Minister Theresa May will file formal Brexit divorce papers on Wednesday, pitching the United Kingdom into the unknown and triggering years of uncertain negotiations that will test the endurance of the European Union. Nine months after Britons voted to leave, May will notify EU Council President Donald Tusk in a letter that the U.K. really is quitting the bloc it joined in 1973. The prime minister, an initial opponent of Brexit who won the top job in the political turmoil that followed the referendum vote, will then have two years to settle the terms of the divorce before it comes into effect in late March 2019. REUTERS

5 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

FOWL PLAY

4 The Taraboczhia family from Emerson, New Jersey, had just left Notre Dame University where their daughter Riana was just accepted ... as they traveled west on US 20 in La Porte County, a wild turkey flew into the path of their rental vehicle. The wild turkey was impaled in the center of the windshield. The 30-pound Tom was killed on impact and fortunately the family only suffered minor cuts from the glass. Mating season for wild turkeys means that they are often on the move and can be as hazardous as deer. LA PORTE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE FACEBOOK PAGE

FACEBOOK ADDS CAMERA FEATURES

5 Facebook Inc. is giving the camera a central place on its smartphone app for the first time, encouraging users to take more pictures and edit them with digital stickers that show the influence of rival Snapchat. Shares of Snapchat owner Snap Inc (SNAP.N), which held its initial public offering this month, were down 4.1 percent at $22.85 after Faceook's announcement. With an update scheduled to take effect on Tuesday, Facebook will allow users to get to the app's camera with one swipe of their finger and then add visual details like a rainbow or a beard of glitter. Users will be able to share a picture privately with a friend, rather than to all of their friends, and add a picture to a gallery known as a "story," similar to a feature on the Snapchat app. REUTERS

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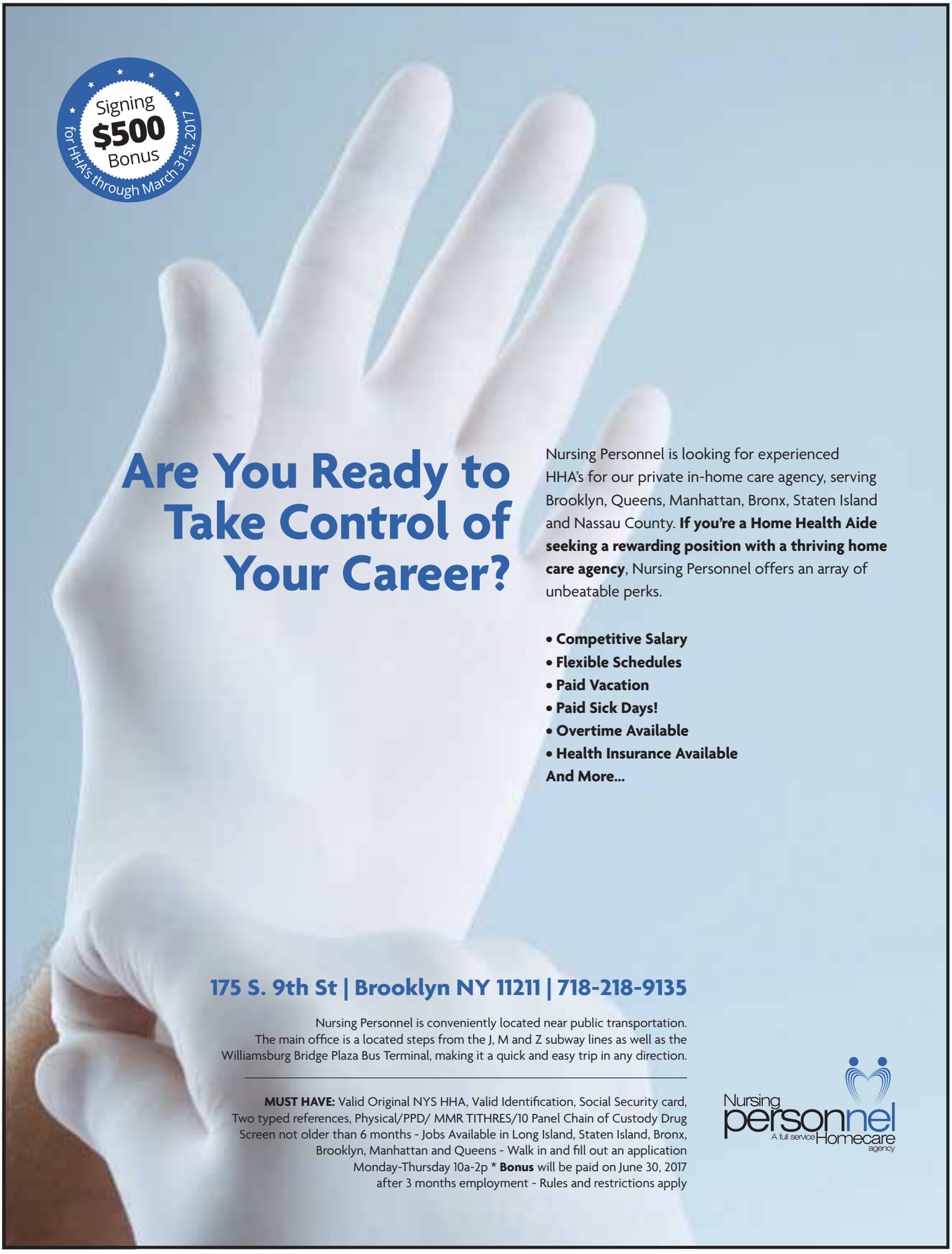

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Suing 'commander in tweet' for defamation: It's a losing proposition

If Donald Trump said, "So what, sue me!" to his haters, is that even possible? Is Trump legally responsible for what he writes on Twitter?

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Average citizen Donald Trump tweeted some doozies that left many scratching their heads. At times President Trump's tweets are inflammatory, but can the POTUS be sued for what he says on Twitter?

"The president is ... not above the civil law and he is not above the criminal law," Alan Sash, an attorney with the law offices of McLaughlin & Stern, said, but the chances someone can win a defamation case against Trump are slim.

This week, Trump's private attorneys asserted that he should be immune from a defamation lawsuit filed against him by a former contestant on the NBC show "The Apprentice" because of his presidential duties.

"Ironically [the attorneys] are pulling from the First Amendment — that the president has the right to say what is on his mind without fear of lawsuits," Sash continued.

The president doesn't have constitutional immunity from defamation, but Trump, just like any average Tom, Don and Harry cannot be sued for tweeting his opinion.

"It makes no difference that he's president and, I think that's fogging up the analysis here," Sash told Metro.

If Trump drives his car into yours, you can sue him for negligence, but if he calls someone a liar, perhaps a woman accusing him of sexual assault or a newspaper that printed something he didn't like, that would fall under opinion or hyperbole.

President Donald Trump. GETTY IMAGES

Accusing former President Barack Obama of wiretapping during the 2016 election is a serious allegation, Sash said, but Trump could always claim it was hyperbole: "I didn't give specifics," he could argue. Obama wiretapped Trump Tower. "I live in Trump Tower. Close enough."

"If I stumbled out of a bar and I started saying Obama is wiretapping me, people will think I'm a nutjob, but when the president says it, it has some weight," Sash explained. "But if he heard it from someone [like Fox News] he is then sourcing it, and that doesn't make it a statement.

"He is just spreading false rumors."

Proving libel or slander against a public person is an uphill battle, Sash said, but if Trump were to accuse a private person of a crime, there might be trouble.

And what about Trump's tweets against Nordstrom after the retailer dumped daughter Ivanka's fashion label?

"That's life," Sash said. People are allowed to vote with their pocketbooks, and it isn't illegal for a president to act "unpresidential," he added.

Sash said he would warn any elected official to be careful trying to explain any topic in 140 characters or a few sentences on Facebook.

"It's out of context and whether it's defamation or not, it's great to communicate with people, but with issues that can't be boiled down to 140 characters, it's best to leave it for a medium where you can explain yourself in full," Sash said.

Environmentalists 'horrified,' expert says

President Donald Trump signed an executive order Tuesday dramatically undoing many of the nation's climate-change regulations that former President Barack Obama had implemented or supported.

Metro spoke with John Oppermann, executive director for the Earth Day Initiative, about what the Trump administration's shift in climate change policy means for the U.S.

Trump says his " Energy Independence" policy will help the coal miners. GETTY IMAGES

How do environmentalists feel about Trump's new executive order?

I think that a lot of environmentalists are horrified with the idea that what these institutions have been doing is not worthwhile.

We take for granted that we have certain protections like those provided by the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) and it's easy to dismiss what those institutions provide for our well-being. They do to not just protect climate change, but also protect our air and our water. This particular executive order is an illustration of the short-sighted mindset that some people have when it comes to environmental challenges.

Will the Environmental Protection Agency still protect the environment?

Discounting the contributions made by the EPA to our national welfare is dangerous. The new head of the EPA [Scott Pruitt] does not seem to understand this and it's scary to think that the critical protections the EPA has provided could be scaled back.

What will happen if the EPA does not enforce protections?

It's kind of a dilemma resulting from the fact that we have had the luxury of environmental protections, and we don't even know what it's like to live without those protections. What happens to our air and water if we lose those protections depends on the decisions made by businesses and individuals.

Many will continue to operate in a responsible way. But without the policies, it could be a less coordinated effort, and we lose the level playing field to spot the bad actors doing damage.

Trump said jobs are the priority in this policy, but do we stand to gain many jobs?

If you look at where the U.S. economy has created jobs, it's solar and wind and renewable energy already dwarfing the job growth in the fossil fuel industry. We could continue to create more jobs in the clean energy industry if the government worked in tandem with the clean energy industry rather than against it.

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'ENERGY INDEPENDENCE'

Trump signs order dismantling Obama-era climate policies

President Donald Trump on Tuesday signed an order to undo Obama-era climate change regulations, keeping a campaign promise to support the coal industry and calling into question support for an international deal to fight global warming.

Flanked by coal miners and coal company executives, Trump proclaimed his "Energy Independence" executive order at the headquarters of the Environmental Protection Agency.

The move drew swift backlash from a coalition of 23 states and local governments, as well as environmental groups, which called the decree a threat to public health and vowed to fight it in court.

The order's main target is former President Barack Obama's Clean Power Plan, which required states to slash carbon emissions from power plants - a key factor in the nation's ability to meet its commitments under a climate change accord reached by nearly 200 countries in Paris in 2015.

Trump's decree also reverses a ban on coal leasing on federal lands, undoes rules to curb methane emissions from oil and gas production and reduces the weight of climate change and carbon emissions in policy and infrastructure permitting decisions. Carbon dioxide and methane are two of the main greenhouse gases blamed by scientists for heating the earth.

"I am taking historic steps to lift restrictions on American energy, to reverse government intrusion and to cancel job-killing regulations," Trump said at the EPA.

Energy analysts and executives have questioned whether the moves will have a big effect on their industries, and environmentalists have called them reckless.

"I cannot tell you how many jobs the executive order is going to create, but I can tell you that it provides confidence in this administration's commitment to the coal industry," Kentucky Coal Association president Tyler White told Reuters.

Environmental groups heaped scorn on Trump's order, arguing it was dangerous and went against the broader global trend toward cleaner energy technologies.

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Demonstrators stage refugee encampment at Trinity Church

Protesters demand reversal of the travel ban and preservation of asylum programs.

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City of Refuge protest at Trinity Church on Broadway and Wall Street LENYON WHITAKER

Tents began to pop up Tuesday morning in the cemetery at Trinity Church as people hurried into downtown offices. A quick glance would give the impression that the church was accepting refugees.

That's exactly what a coalition of refugee advocates, protesting President Donald Trump's immigration policies, wanted it to look like.

The "City of Refuge" is a 24-hour action that includes an overnight campout, two marches, teach-ins and interfaith services intended to bring the African refugee crisis into close view.

The action began with protesters carrying life rafts from the Trump Building at 40 Wall Street to the encampment at Trinity Church at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

"A lot of refugees cross on rafts more flimsy than what we have. Many drown. It's heartbreaking," Amaha Kassa, director of African Communities Together, told Metro.

"Forty percent of the African population in this country came here as refugees," he said.

Organizers expected 28 tents would be up by Tuesday night.

The coalition's demands include reversal of Trump's travel ban, defense of asylum programs and saving protected status programs that cover tens of thousands of immigrants in the U.S.

A number of programs will take place through the evening, and the action will conclude with another life-raft march at 10 a.m. Wednesday to the African Burial Ground on Reade Street that stops in front of Federal Plaza.

ROOFTOP BLAZE

Chelsea Market evacuated for roof fire

Chelsea Market and several other offices in a West 15th Street building had to be evacuated Tuesday because of a roof fire that broke shortly after noon.

Smoke could be seen billowing from the top of the building at Ninth Avenue and West 15th Street. In addition to the upscale food market, the building's offices include the NY1 newsroom and the Food Network.

NY1 reporter Joel Siegel tweeted out news of the fire in the initial minutes.

"Fire at Chelsea Market. Home of @NY1. We've evacuated newsroom and building," he wrote.

The fire broke out at 12:10 p.m., when a cooling tower that was being cleaned ignited in flames, loca news media reported. Within the hour the FDNY posted that the fire was under control.

The 300 or so people who had been evacuated were later allowed to return, the Post reported.

One person was taken to the hospital for smoke inhalation.

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Cache of Civil War cannon balls found at Pennsylvania construction site

The discovery of a cache of cannon balls left behind after the worst civilian disaster of the U.S. Civil War brought construction on a Pennsylvania apartment complex to a halt on Tuesday while workers waited for the ordnance to be removed.

At least 20 cannon balls were unearthed on Monday in Pittsburgh by a contractor on the site of the former Allegheny Arsenal, where a Sept. 17, 1862 explosion killed 70 mostly teenaged workers.

There were too many cannon balls for the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police's bomb disposal unit to remove so a specialty firm from Maryland was called in to clear the site, said Sonya Toler, a spokeswoman for the Pittsburgh Department of Public Safety.

"They should be on the site today to begin the work," Toler said in an interview.

Officials believe the cannon balls are stable, but have posted a 24-hour police guard on the site, Toler said.

The cannon balls made at the site were often filled with black powder, intended to explode in the air and shower enemy troops with shrapnel, said Andrew Masich, president of the Heinz History Center in Pittsburgh.

Workers had been alerted of the possibility that ordnance would be found, and stopped when the first cannonball turned up in the bucket of a excavator.

Many of the victims of the arsenal were torn apart and burned beyond recognition by the blast, which killed the 13-year-old daughter of one of the plant's supervisors, who had worked on the production line.

The disaster took place on the same day as the Battle of Antietam, which stands as the deadliest one-day battle of the war that led to the abolition of slavery in the United States. REUTERS

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Two Miami police officers shot in ambush-style attack

The unmarked police car with bullet holes MIAMI-ADDE POLICE DEPARTMENT HANDOUT

Two plainclothes police detectives in Miami were wounded when a group of men fired dozens of shots into their unmarked car Monday night in an ambush, the Miami-Dade Police Department said.

Police apprehended several suspects early Tuesday and charges were pending, police spokesman Alvaro Zabaleta said by phone. The attack on the detectives occurred as they conducted surveillance for gang activity outside an apartment complex in northwestern Miami, police said in a news release.

The department declined to say how many men took part in the ambush.

Detective Terence White, 47, was shot in the foot and was being treated at a Miami hospital. Detective Charles Woods, 37, was released from the same hospital after being treated for a gunshot wound to an arm.

The officers' unmarked car was riddled with dozens of bullet holes, Zabaleta said.

One of the detectives returned fire but it was not known if he hit any of the attackers, police said.

Other police officers near the scene rushed the officers to the hospital in the back of a pickup truck, according to video broadcast by local television stations. The video showed the two wounded men walking into the emergency room with support from fellow officers. REUTERS

CALIFORNIA

Fourth body found following Oakland building fire

The body of a fourth victim was found on Tuesday in the rubble of an Oakland, California residential building destroyed by a fast-moving fire, the local sheriff's office said.

The unidentified remains were being brought to the coroner's office, the Alameda County Sheriff's Office said on Twitter.

Authorities said on Monday that three people were killed in the blaze and a fourth person was missing.

Only one of the casualties has so far been identified, as 64-year-old Edwarn Anderson.

Firefighters rescued at least seven people from the blaze, the San Francisco Chronicle reported. The newspaper said the building on San Pablo Avenue was leased by agencies running housing and social service programs.

The Chronicle, citing city records, said that numerous complaints had been lodged against the building for safety and sanitation problems.

Last December, 36 people were killed when a fire erupted at a dance party at a sprawling, two-story warehouse in Oakland known as the Ghost Ship that had been leased to an artists' collective.

It was the deadliest blaze in the United States since 100 people perished in a 2003 nightclub fire in Rhode Island. REUTERS

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Trump applauds Ford's previous planned investment in Michigan plants

Ford also said it would invest $200 million in a data center in Flat Rock to support advances in vehicle connectivity and future developments in autonomous vehicles, but it will not result in any new hourly jobs.

Ford Motor Co. on Tuesday said it would invest $1.2 billion in three Michigan facilities and create 130 jobs in projects largely in line with a previous agreement with the United Auto Workers union, hours after U.S. President Donald Trump touted a "major investment" by the automaker on Twitter.

In January, Ford scrapped plans to build a $1.6 billion car factory in Mexico and instead added 700 jobs in Michigan following Trumps criticism that centered on trade and investing in America.

Ford said on Tuesday it would spend $850 million on a planned upgrade of a plant in Wayne, Michigan, for the Ford Bronco, an SUV model, and the Ford Ranger — a midsize pickup truck. The company will also invest $150 million and create 130 or retain jobs at an engine plant in Romeo.

Both projects were part of 2015 negotiations with the UAW, when Ford said it would invest $9 billion in U.S. plants over four years.

The move comes at a time when U.S. new car and truck sales are at an all-time high and investors are watching closely for signs of a possible downturn in the highly-cyclical industry.

"We're optimistic that we'll continue to see good economic growth for the U.S. in the near term," Joe Hinrichs, president of the Americas at Ford, told Reuters. "We feel very confident about our plan and our products and about investing in Michigan and the U.S."

An employee works underneath a Ford Motor Co. Focus vehicle on the production line at the company's Michigan Assembly Plant in Wayne, Michigan, on Monday, Oct. 7, 2013. GETTY IMAGES

Separately, the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) approved nearly $30 million in state incentives for Ford over 15 years at a meeting Tuesday. Ford will use the incentives to partially defray the costs of the improvements.

The MEDC noted that Ford had considered locating some of the jobs in Mexico, where it is cheaper to employ workers. "Incentive assistance was necessary to ensure the project moves forward in Michigan," the MEDC said.

The announcement by Ford on Tuesday comes less than two weeks after Trump visited Detroit to promise more auto jobs for Michigan and other Midwestern U.S. states.

> *"Car companies coming back to U.S. JOBS! JOBS! JOBS!"*
>
> Trump posted on Twitter early Tuesday.

Trump pounced on Ford's announcement before the company could release its plans on Tuesday.

"Major investment to be made in three Michigan plants," Trump posted on Twitter early Tuesday.

Trump has at times promoted job announcements at the White House that had been previously planned or announced. Last week he praised an investment decision by Charter Communications Inc that the company announced before he was elected.

Steve Rattner, who was an automotive policy adviser under President Barack Obama, remarked on Twitter that Trump was misleading people about jobs, saying "the big news ended up being only 130 jobs in (Michigan) that were announced back in 2015."

Ford said last week it expected higher investments, as well as other spending, to weigh on 2017 earnings.

U.S. sales of new cars and trucks hit a record high of 17.55 million units in 2016. On Friday, industry consultants J.D. Power and LMC Automotive maintained their 2017 sales forecast of 17.6 million vehicles, an increase of 0.2 percent from 2016. REUTERS

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Two Advanced Medical Treatments Every Knee Arthritis Sufferer

By *NY Pain MD*

***NY Pain MD* is a medical clinic with locations in Midtown NYC and Uptown NYC that has treated thousands of knee arthritis and joint pain patients.**

Here is what every knee arthritis sufferer should know about the best treatments and options available today. Including when and why you should consider each of these 2 treatment approaches to get maximum results.

If you suffer with knee or other join arthritis pain, you have probably already tried many treatments ... especially countless pain medications. Experienced doctors understand that, even though pain medications such as anti-inflammatory pain pills are part of the recommended early treatment plan for knee arthritis pain... they are rarely the answer over the longer term.

In most cases they have minimal results (if any) and have a laundry list of potential side effects. Some being serious and even life threatening.

Are There Any Better Options?

Thankfully, advancements in science and technology come extremely fast. And now there are two very good options for knee arthritis to help relieve the pain.

Two options that a lot of knee arthritis sufferers have never heard of.

Before we get into the two treatments, please understand this...

NY Pain MD is a well established medical clinic that has treated thousands of knee arthritis sufferers and joint and back pain sufferers. Patients travel from all over the area and even several states away from NYC to be treated at one of their clinics because they want the best medical treatments available. What you are about to discover are two REAL medical treatments. Not miracle cures you see on infomercials or non-medical treatments promoted on the internet.

Know this fact: There is no cure for arthritis. But there are these two treatments that have already helped thousands of knee arthritis sufferers - possibly just like you.

The first treatment is more common than the second. Even if you have heard of this treatment - or even tried it without good results - please read this. You will find out why it may not have worked for you and how you may be able to get much better results.

#1 Viscosupplementation

Viscosupplementation has gained quite a bit of popularity in recent years and it has gotten mixed results for a couple of reasons.

But before we get into that,here's what you need to know about viscosupplementation.

When you have arthritis, you suffer a decrease in the lubrication fluids in your knees.

In other words, your knee joints basically "dries up."

The lubricating fluid that decreases is called "synovial fluid." pharmaceutical companies (with the help of doctors) can now make ***natural*** synovial fluid gel-like compounds that, during viscosupplementation treatments. Doctors can precisely introduce directly into the knee and other joints.

This helps replace the lubricating fluid to the knee joint - allowing it to move more freely and smoothly and often decreasing or even eliminating the pain.

What Results Can Be Expected?

Like all medical treatments, the results vary and can not be predicted. But many knee arthritis sufferers get dramatic results. It is not uncommon for patients to either postpone knee replacement surgery for years... or even permanently cancel it.

But There Is A BIG Problem

The key is the treatment must be EXTREMELY PRECISE. If the procedure is slightly off, the medication will not get into the knee joint and the treatment will not work.

That's why the experts at ***NY Pain MD*** use Precision Arthritis Targeting Technology so they can actually see the lubricant going directly into the knee joint during the treatment.

Research shows that doctors performing joint injections without this technology can miss the joint as much as 30% of the time.

If you have tried viscosupplementation without this imaging technology without good results - this may be why.

That's why ***NY Pain MD*** takes it even one step further. They do not just use one step process of advanced imaging during treatment - they use two in their "double confirmation" process. This is to ensure patients get the best possible results.

Another Important Factor

Viscosupplementation medications also come in several different "brands" and chemical make-ups. Just like all medications, some people respond better to one than another. So, the experts at ***NY Pain MD*** use several and great effort is taken to figure out what is the best one for YOU.

One last thing: The experts at ***NY Pain MD*** have found that earlier you start Viscosupplementation the better.

This is most likely because the longer you wait - the more joint destruction takes place.

That's why ***NY Pain MD*** is now seeing so many patients as young as 35 to 40.

Summary: If you have knee arthritis pain and have not tried. Viscosupplementation you should look into it as soon as possible.

If you have tried it without good results. you may still be able to get great results with the proper imaging and specific medication.

What Should You Do If Viscosupplementation Fails?

When conservative treatment, including viscosupplementation fails ... most knee arthritis sufferers believe their only option is total knee replacement surgery.

This is not true...and here is why

There is another treatment for serious knee arthritis pain most people (and even doctors) do not know about.

#2: Radiofrequency Treatment

This treatment is technically called, "Radiofrequency Neurotomy." Or RF for short.

RF is a procedure that is based the theory that blocking the nerve supply to the painful area may alleviate pain and restore function.

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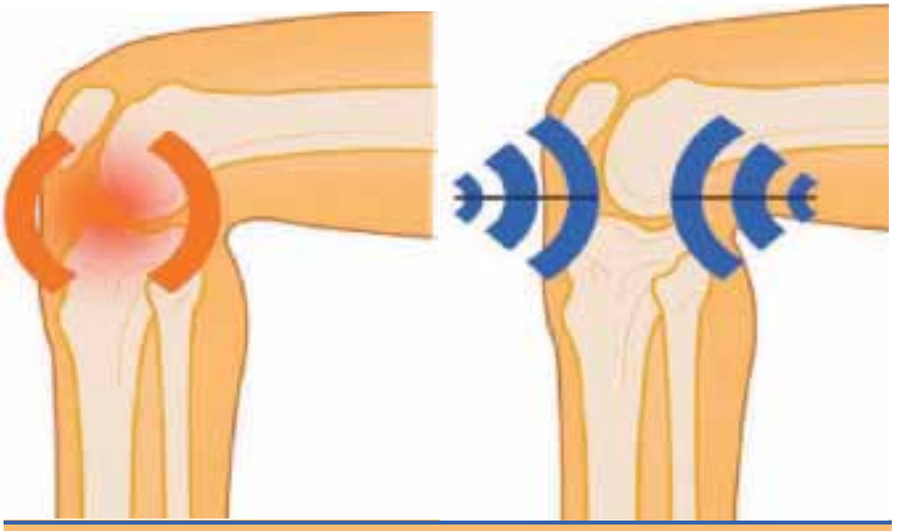

Science rescues knee arthritis sufferers?: **Radio Frequency Waves are used to block the nerve supply to the painful area and may alleviate pain and restore function to many. Many patients still in pain after a knee replacement may respond very well to these treatments allowing the possibility of avoiding additional surgery.**

Several branches of nerves that surround the knee are known as "genicular nerves."

Radiofrequency waves are delivered to the genicular nerves under advanced imaging to "block" the nerve from transmitting pain signals.

There are two distinct parts to this treatment. First, a test, diagnostic "G Block" procedure is done to determine if the procedure is going to decrease pain and improve function.

If this first "test" procedure is successful, then one to two weeks later, Radio Frequency waves are applied for term relief.

Is It Safe?

Research has shown this to provided significant relief for some patients. to procedure to be safe and effective.

One study published November 4, 2010 in the journal Pain found that RF treated subjects on average "achieved at least 50% knee pain relief at 1,4 and 12 weeks, respectively. No patient reported a post procedure adverse event during the follow-up period.

Some studies indiciate some patients may get years of relief in some cases. "RF neurotomy (radio frequency treatment) of genicular nerves leads to significant pain reduction and functional improvement in a subset of elderly chronic knee osteoarthritis pain, and thus may be an effective treatment in such cases."

It should also be mentioned that, like all procedures, results will vary patient to patient

Who Should Try This Treatment?

RF should be considered after other treatments, such as anti-inflammatory pain medication and viscosupplementation do not offer good enough results.

RF can be utilized before resorting to total knee replacement. RF allows many patients to avoid knee replacement surgery.

RF has also been found effective AFTER knee replacement surgery when the patient still feels pain.

The pain after a failed knee replacement surgery can be debilitating and this procedure can be the only thing that helps and give you relief.

What To Do Next If You Are In Pain

Here is the "X" factor many do not consider that might be the difference between you getting the best possible treatment or not.

Many experts suggest choosing a medical clinic that offers all these treatments and has the proper, most advanced technology all under one roof.

This way, the doctors working on your case can give you a proper examination and advise the best possible treatment plan for your individual case.

Several experts work as a team to offer you the best treatment options at the appropriate time to maximize results. It is also very convenient to have all your doctors and treatments in one place. Traveling to different offices can be time consuming and even more expensive.

NY Pain MD believes this "X" factor is one of the reasons so many knee arthritis sufferers travel from all over to be treated at their advanced medical clinics.

NY Pain MD offers a limited number of complimentary knee arthritis treatment screenings every month. These screenings are a way for knee arthritis sufferers to get some of their ques-tions answered and see if they are a candidate for one of the cutting-edge treatments offered at ***NY Pain MD***

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Trump's funding request for border wall hits snag among some Republicans

When he ran for president, Trump pledged Mexico would pay to build the wall, designed to keep illegal immigrants and drugs from entering the United States. The Mexican government has said it will not do so.

President Donald Trump's call for $1.5 billion this year to help build a wall along the border with Mexico could be in jeopardy as fellow Republicans in Congress weigh delaying a decision on the request.

Republican Sen. Roy Blunt, a member of his party's leadership, told reporters on Tuesday that money for the wall likely would not be coupled with a spending bill that must pass by April 28 to avoid shutting down federal agencies whose funding expires then.

Blunt said the must-do funding "comes together better" without Trump's additional request for the border wall and military programs and could be considered "at a later time."

Democrats are threatening to block the bill funding federal agencies from April 29 to Sept. 30, the end of the current fiscal year, if money for the border wall is included.

They object to one of Trump's premier 2016 campaign promises, saying it is poorly planned and that there are other border security measures already constructed or under consideration.

A U.S. Border Patrol agent checks the area near the border fence in Columbus, New Mexico, on Feb. 19, 2017, on the U.S.-Mexico border. GETTY IMAGES

The initiative has also faced resistance among Republicans, including lawmakers representing some border towns. The federal government would have to purchase land in many locations in order to construct the edifice, which could make construction costs soar.

Reuters reported the wall could end up costing as much as $21.6 billion, far more than the $12 billion Trump cited.

Representative Mario Diaz-Balart also expressed skepticism about Congress' ability to approve funds for the wall, given the super-majority vote needed in the Senate for most major legislation.

Asked about the wall, Diaz-Balart, a senior member of the House of Representatives' Appropriations Committee and a voice on immigration policy, said: "I'm always willing to look at other things we can do to try to get that 60-vote threshold" on border and interior security. REUTERS

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Trump tells lawmakers he expects deal 'very quickly' on health care

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President Donald Trump told a group of senators on Tuesday that he expected lawmakers would be able to reach a deal on healthcare, without offering specifics on how they would do it or what had changed since a health care reform bill was pulled last week for insufficient support.

"I have no doubt that that's going to happen very quickly," Trump said at a bipartisan reception held for senators and their spouses at the White House.

"I think it's going to happen because we've all been promising — Democrat, Republican — we've all been promising that to the American people," he said.

A Republican plan backed by Trump to overhaul the U.S. health care system was pulled on Friday after it failed to garner enough support to pass the Republican-controlled House of Representatives.

Trump, a Republican, did not mention that failure at the reception nor did he offer specifics on how he planned for lawmakers to reach a consensus on a health care bill that would repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act, familiarly known as Obamacare.

Trump told lawmakers at the reception that he would be talking about infrastructure and investing in the military, without offering a time frame or details.

"Hopefully, it will start being bipartisan, because everybody really wants the same thing. We want greatness for this country that we love," he said. REUTERS

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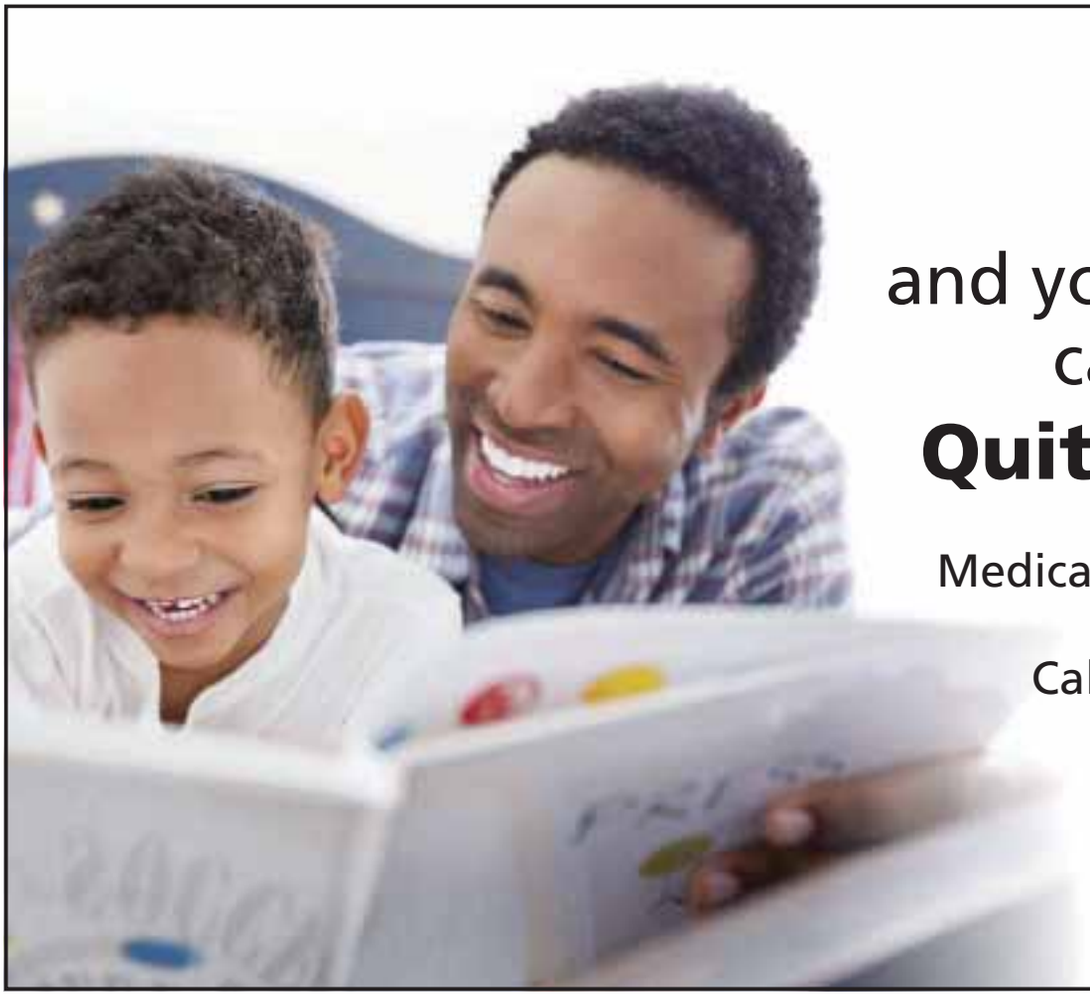

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Wells Fargo to pay $110M to settle lawsuit over account abuses

Wells Fargo & Co. said it agreed to pay $110 million to settle a lawsuit by customers challenging its opening of accounts without their permission, a practice that led to a scandal that cost the bank's chief executive his job.

The bank said on Tuesday it expects the settlement to resolve claims in 11 other pending class actions, and will cover claims between Jan. 1, 2009, through the date the agreement is executed.

The settlement agreement is yet to be approved by the court.

After attorneys' fees and costs of administration, claimants will be reimbursed for any wrong fees, Wells Fargo said on Tuesday.

The remaining amount will be distributed to the claimants, based on the number and kinds of unauthorized accounts or services claimed, the bank said.

The lawsuit resolves claims that Wells Fargo's high-pressure culture drove branch workers needing to meet sales quotas to open unauthorized accounts, including with forged signatures.

Customers said this saddled them with accounts they did not need or want, and fees they knew nothing about.

The lawsuit dates from May 2015, 16 months before Wells Fargo agreed to pay $185 million in penalties to settle regulatory charges over the sham accounts, estimated to number as many as two million.

That settlement with the U.S. Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and Los Angeles City Attorney Mike Feuer prompted national outrage, leading to the departure in October of the bank's longtime chief executive, John Stumpf.

The named plaintiffs in the lawsuit are Shahriar Jabbari, a Californian, and Kaylee Heffelfinger, from Arizona.

They believed they each had two accounts at Wells Fargo, but said the bank opened a respective nine and seven accounts for them, according to court papers. REUTERS

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This 'Fresh Prince' reunion is everything

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The cast of "The Fresh Prince of Bel Air" — the seminal, classic show that changed the lives of every man, woman and child in America — had a mini reunion and it is everything. According to Bustle, Alfonso Ribeiro, who lives forever in your heart as Carlton Banks, shared a photo of the reunion on Instagram.

"Always amazing to spend an afternoon with my Fresh Prince family," he wrote. "Wishing that James Avery was still with us to make this complete." Avery, who pitch-perfectly played Uncle Phil, passed away in 2014.

This gives me all the feels. I mean, Geoffery is there! Geoffery! And the second Aunt Viv!

Don't get too excited, though — just because the old pals are reuniting for the 'gram doesn't mean they'll be reuniting for a revival: When E! News asked Will Smith about the possibility of a reunion, he said it wasn't very likely. "I don't think ever, like pretty close to when hell freezes over." Alrighty then!

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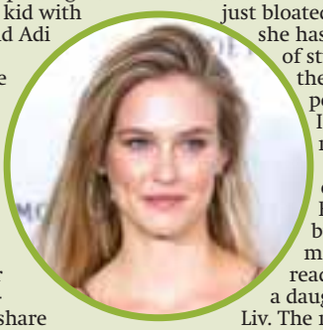
Bar Refaeli gets in on pregnancy trend



Bar Refaeli took to Instagram on Tuesday to announce that she's expecting her second kid with husband Adi Ezra. Because Instagram was literally created to be a tool for celebrities to share the most exciting (and other times most trivial) parts of their daily lives. Fun!

According to People, the 31-year-old model shared a photo baring her belly with the caption, "Something's cooking." Could be that she's just bloated and she has a mess of stuff in the crock pot, but I guess not!

Refaeli and Ezra, a businessman, already share a daughter, Liv. The model is best known for dating Leonardo DiCaprio back in the day.

I mean, is pregnancy even cool anymore now that everyone is doing it?

Meet Mariah Carey's hot new BF

Mariah Carey recently celebrated her 47th birthday — I'm sorry, 47th anniversary — in Cabo San Lucas. There was sun! There was fun! But more importantly? She spent that time with her "boyfriend," Bryan Tanaka, 33.

Is it real love? Or is their relationship just a ploy for Mariah's reality show, "Mariah's World"? I literally do not know! Here's what we do know.

At the very least, he is gainfully employed. Tanaka is chiefly a choreographer slash dancer type. In fact, he and Mimi met back in 2006 when he took the stage as a backup dancer on her Adventures of Mimi tour. Now, he's her creative director, which, nepotism much?

He's been creeping on her for a while. Tanaka told E! News that he and Carey were meant to be, or whatever. "Something connected with us back in the day and there was just a mutual admiration. She saw something in me that I actually didn't recognize at first." Cute, I guess!

He takes lap dances very seriously. MC once gave Tanaka an onstage lap dance to uh, "help" his injured knee. As expected, the experience filled Tanaka with unbridled joy. "That moment when I got to go on stage for a second, it was a special moment in time for Mariah and myself. I'm not gonna lie it made me feel a lot better." Modern medicine, am I right?

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Alice Lowe is very nice. That's a little surreal if you saw her in "Sightseers." In the 2012 dark comedy, which she also co-wrote, Lowe played a mousy woman whose boyfriend (Steve Oram) schools her in the joys of gruesomely offing random strangers. She's at it again in "Prevenge," which she directed, wrote and stars in, this time as a pregnant woman who believes her unborn baby is telling her to kill.

Thing is, Lowe was really with child at the time. She wrote and directed the film while very pregnant, working out some of her anxieties in a very bloody movie.

"I had all the normal fears: 'What's going to happen to my body? Will I die? Am I going to change overnight like a Stepford wife? Am I going to become a different person?'" Lowe recalls. But she was also drawing on her less expected anxieties.

"It had a lot to do with my fears of being an actress, of being self-employed," she says. "There isn't much of a safety net if you're going to have a kid. A lot of my friends who are fellow actresses told me, 'Don't tell people you're pregnant, because you won't work for ages.' When it's over, you can't say, 'I'm back! I want to work!' People perceive you as having disappeared."

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"Prevenge" is the first feature film Lowe has directed herself, and she's amazed it happened at all. "I had thought my dreams of directing were over, because I was having a baby," she remembers. "I was like, 'Who do I know that directs films and has a tiny baby?' I know plenty of men, but no women. I thought it was game over in terms of getting to do whatever I wanted."

But she did get to make it. "For me to do this while I'm pregnant, it's almost like saying, 'You see? I can do this standing on my head,'" she says.

Still, she doesn't want to guilt trip anyone. "It wasn't my aim to make pregnant women feel bad that they're not making a feature film in their third trimester," Lowe jokes. "The point I was trying to make is you can do whatever you like."

Being likable

Another thing she wanted to do was make a movie with a protagonist who isn't exactly sympathetic. Ruth may be mad, but she's also a murderer, and she takes glee in taking a sharp blade to people she's never met, or hacking off a poor guy's member.

"One of my inspirations was 'Taxi Driver,'" Lowe says. "I've long thought about why there are no female 'Taxi Drivers.' Why don't we have loner, maverick outsiders who are female? People are capable of watching 'Taxi Driver' and not thinking, 'What a terrible representation of men.' They understand he's just one man. And you don't have to like him. Why would Travis Bickle need to be likable? Yet that's a question that gets applied to female characters often. I hear that a lot as a writer and as an actress: 'Why isn't she likable enough?' Who cares? That's a social judgment. That shouldn't come into a creative work of fiction."

Lowe hopes that the film industry will take the right lessons from certain recent hits, like "Get Out." "Certain people are underrepresented in cinema," she explains. "People have an appetite to see stories told in different ways. We're quite jaded as an audience now. I think we want to see something that feels fresh and new. That seems truthful as well. We want to see things in films that aren't being said, that are the elephants in the room."

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A taste of 'Top Chef' at Pokeworks

Chef Sheldon Simeon and his Coco Bora Bowl (inset) PROVIDED

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Hawaiian chef Sheldon Simeon reveals his competitive heart, and his Filipino take on the poké bowl.

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It was only a matter of time before the poké craze brought Sheldon Simeon to the mainland.

The "Top Chef" fan favorite (twice over) is bringing a taste of his homeland of Hawaii and his Filipino heritage to the Coco Bora Bowl at Pokéworks, the uber-popular shop from California. (In case you don't know, poké is a bowl of marinated raw fish over rice with various toppings.) The chain's first location near Herald Square has been overrun since its debut last winter, and a second location is finally opening at 21 E. 15th St. just off Union Square today. A third is coming to the Grand Central area in April.

"The Coco Bora Bowl is a take on the traditional Southern Filipino dish *kinilaw*," Simeon explains. Coconut is a popular ingredient in the southern Philippines and makes three appearances in the bowl as coconut milk, coconut vinegar and coconut jellies. ("I love taking an ingredient and then using that as inspiration for a dish.") Keeping the creaminess in check is a gentle kick from sambal — "the wiser, older brother of sriracha" — lime juice, cilantro, with ginger and red chilis for "that surprise element."

The most exciting ingredient in the bowl for Simeon is the fish: bora, also known as mullet, is a mild white fish new to Pokéworks. It has excellent sustainability bona fides and is popular in Hawaii because it can live in fresh and saltwater, keeping shorelines clean by feeding on algae — but that can carry a stigma.

Pokéworks is looking to counter that, and criticism of poké's impact on stressed fish populations, by sourcing wild-caught fish from the East Coast and having chefs like Simeon (future collaborations may also happen) give them a fresh spin.

"That's what we're trying to do, use underutilized fish that people might not know about or they have an idea about, and we make something delicious with it," says Simeon. "It's our responsibility to make it sustainable as well as delicious."

Bora is available to add to your customizable bowl beginning today at both Pokéworks locations. The Coco Bora Bowl will launch in two weeks.

Meet Sheldon

In person, Sheldon Simeon is the same mellow, friendly chef who's been voted Fan Favorite both times he's competed on Bravo's "Top Chef" in 2010 and this year, finishing third both times. Ask him about the show though, and a fire flares up behind his eyes.

"When it comes to competition, when I'm in the mode, I hate losing," he says. (When he was eliminated on the show, head judge Tom Colicchio assured him that he'll be counted among "America's greatest chefs.") "I love 'Top Chef.' People always ask me, 'Would you do it again?' If it were my choice, I would play it every day 'cause I love it that much."

But the time away from his family and casual Hawaiian restaurant Tin Roof in Maui is too much. Recently, when he's been spending his time hiring for two new restaurants — another Tin Roof in Oahu, and a full-service restaurant called Hala also in Hawaii — which has kept him out of the kitchen. But when he can, "There's nothing more that I love doing, to jump right back in the fire."

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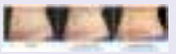

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Remember when you had to head to Brooklyn because you were priced out of Manhattan? Those days are long gone. With the Brooklyn boom reaching its peak, Queens has never been as appealing for families looking for good value for their money. To that end, an oft overlooked enclave is Jackson Heights, which is best known for older (read: affordably priced!) co-op style apartments, many of which have private gardens.

"Jackson Heights has a reputation for being a great area for middle class New York City families thanks to relatively affordable homes, decent transportation options and lots of kids in the neighborhood," says Joseph Hermon of Oxford Property Group, a brokerage spanning all five boroughs with over 350 agents. "It's a super-diverse neighborhood and if you're looking for some food culture, Jackson Heights is a great place to sample authentic Venezuelan arepas, the tastiest Indian food and tons of other specialties that are worth a train ride if you don't already live there."

Hermon says he's been selling a lot of small buildings in Jackson Heights to ex-Brooklynites who have money to spend, but are priced out of homes in Fort Greene and Williamsburg and want a solid investment. "The commute to the East Side of Manhattan can take under 15 minutes on a good morning, which sure beats waiting for the L train and spending over $2 million for a row house in need of major repairs."

Thalia McGuire, 37, is a dental hygienist who moved into her co-op, which she shares with her husband and two kids, two years ago. "I always knew I would end up here when I started my family, but it's nice to see the neighborhood gaining in popularity while still remaining authentic. There are so many beautiful, historic houses here and I love that I can still support mom-and-pop type businesses, unlike in more gentrified areas."

While you can snag a one-bedroom co-op for around $300,000, Hermon says if you're seeking a family home or a multifamily investment property, you're looking at closer to $1.3 million. "This may sound like a lot, but it's a steal when compared to neighborhoods in Brooklyn. Generally speaking, the houses closer to the 7 train fetch the most because convenience is king, and they can also be rented for the highest prices."

As for rentals in the range of $2,100-$2,200, you'll get a one-bedroom rental on the higher end — think stainless steel appliances and a freshly renovated bathroom — but it's not unusual to get lucky and find a spacious one-bedroom apartment near the train for less.

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Jackson Diner

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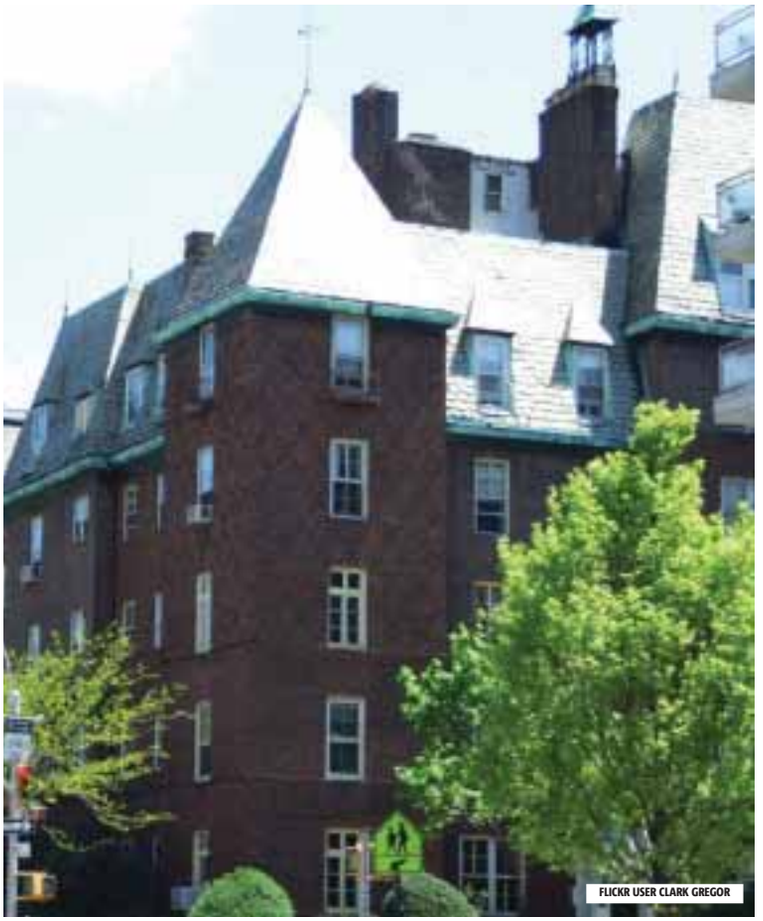

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The Knicks would be absolutely ecstatic if they could get their hands on Washington's Markelle Fultz. GETTY IMAGES

Knicks salivating over PGs in draft

The 2017 NBA Draft is loaded with talented, young point guards.

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On Monday night, for the first time in almost two weeks, the New York Knicks won a basketball game.

Their 109-95 victory over the Detroit Pistons cracked a spring swoon that saw them drop eight of their last nine games that ended all dim hopes of a trip to the postseason.

While it might be difficult to for some to fathom, that difficult stretch might have done wonders for the organization and saved years of rebuilding. After a March 1 win against the Orlando Magic, the Knicks improved to 25-36 and moved to within four games of the Detroit Pistons for the final Eastern Conference playoff spot.

Given the weak standing of the East, it didn't reflect much on the team's actual success on floor. To put things lightly, things have been dysfunctional, given Carmelo Anthony's deteriorating relationship with Phil Jackson, trade rumors, Derrick Rose, Joakim Noah's off-court shenanigans and the dreaded return of the triangle offense.

With some of the only redeemable assets coming in the form of younger talent like Kristaps Porzingis and Willy Hernangomez, it is likely that this team will not stay together for long.

A source told ESPN's Ian Begley that the Knicks will "remain committed," to dealing Anthony in the offseason while Rose is set to hit free agency this summer.

An improbable and likely short trip to the postseason would not have resolved any of those matters. Even worse, the Knicks faced the possibility of missing out on the best talent within a loaded draft class.

For a team looking to rebuild, staying on the fringe of mediocrity in the East could have left the roster devoid of young, bona fide talent needed to build an actual contender around Porzingis.

The Knicks have remained in 12th place in the East despite posting a 4-10 record so far in March, but their chances of acquiring a premier talent in the draft improved.

According to Basketball-Reference.com's pre-lottery calculations, the Knicks currently have an 82.7 percent chance of landing a pick between Nos. 4-7.

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THE KNICKS HAVE AN 82.7 PERCENT CHANCE OF A 4-7 PICK

With Rose's contract expiration looming; the Knicks have an opportunity to select a true floor general of a point guard for the future.

It makes Kentucky's De'Aaron Fox, NC State's Dennis Smith Jr. and France's Frank Ntilikina prime candidates assuming UCLA's Lonzo Ball and Washington's Markelle Fultz will be off the board by then.

However, an NBA source told Marc Berman of the New York Post on Monday that the Knicks could take a chance on Kansas combo forward Josh Jackson.

The 6-foot-8 inch talent has not exhibited a pure scorer's touch, but he has displayed above-average vision and stingy on-ball defense, which is something the Knicks are in need of.

His selection would make even more sense if the franchise found a way to move Anthony over the summer, but it could make re-signing Rose a priority to keep the backcourt afloat.

Regardless, the Knicks have an opportunity to re-create their 2015 draft success when they selected a gem in Porzingis with the No. 4 overall pick.

Mets notes: Matz still a question mark

The start of the 2017 season is closing in fast.

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Steven Matz posted a 3.40 ERA in 2016. GETTY IMAGES

Despite being scratched from his spring training start on Sunday due to elbow discomfort, left-hander Steven Matz is not going quietly.

After a 55-pitch flat-ground throwing session on Monday, Matz threw again on Tuesday from flat ground and the mound, Mets pitching coach Dan Warthen told Mike Puma of the New York Post. Warthen added that Matz looked "pretty decent." On Monday, the 25-year-old did show some signs of mechanical issues, per Newsday's David Lennon.

If Matz is able to prove to management that he is good to go, there is a good chance that both Zack Wheeler and Seth Lugo could be left off the big-league roster come opening day.

The Mets were expected to announce their five-man pitching rotation on Tuesday, per Puma, but the question marks surrounding Matz's status have left things in limbo.

Lagares' injury could affect roster moves

Center fielder Juan Lagares was removed from the Mets' spring training game on Saturday against the Atlanta Braves with an oblique injury.

The prognosis seems to be good, though. Star outfielder Yoenis Cespedes told ESPN Deportes' Marly Rivera that an MRI on Tuesday came back negative and that "he'll be alright in a week or so."

Lagares did not disclose his MRI results but did tell Rivera that he was feeling "almost at 100 percent."

Manager Terry Collins added that Lagares' results were "better than we hoped," via MLB.com's Anthony DiComo.

The 28-year-old possesses one of the finest defensive gloves in baseball and is only one of two true center fielders on the Mets roster behind Curtis Granderson. Any possible absence from Lagares would open the door for Michael Conforto to grab hold of a roster spot considering Brandon Nimmo is still recovering from a hamstring injury he picked up during the World Baseball Classic.

After struggling mightily in 2016, Conforto has been tearing it up at spring training, batting .316 with three home runs and five RBIs in 57 at bats.

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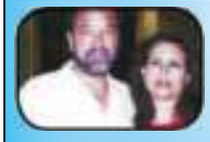

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9 Drab color
14 Cookie Bumstead's neighbor
15 "Born Free" lioness
16 Legally binding
17 Author's must
18 Leave a mark
19 Get melodramatic
20 Likes instantly (2 wds.)
22 Unaffected
24 Dish with saffron
26 Chill
27 Fuel rating
30 Looks radiant (2 wds.)
35 Gnu hunters
36 Time long past
37 Vend
38 Famous mummy
39 Tiredly
42 Motorist no.
43 "La -- Bonita" (Madonna)
45 -- Kristofferson
46 Lieutenant under Kirk
48 Arrivals (hyph.)
50 Savory smells
51 Turned tail
52 Clumps of grass
54 Elizabethan knight
58 Wimple wearers
62 Survey findings
63 Malaria symptom
65 Depot info
66 Faint trace
67 "Hud" Oscar-winner
68 Fit of pique
69 Accountant, at times
70 Element 79
71 Lacking

Down

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2 "A-Tisket, A-Tasket" singer
3 On a rampage
4 Tablet
5 Get cozy
6 Aluminum giant
7 Youth org.
8 Mystery writer -- Paretsky
9 Gripe
10 Small villages
11 Lotion additive
12 Baby beavers
13 March date
21 Tendon
23 Bright star in Orion
25 Orchid supplier
27 Telescope lens
28 Hug tight
29 Champ's claim
31 Rainbow goddess
32 Vaccine
33 Extremely
34 Entreaties
36 It's spun
40 Making do
41 Nomad dwellings
44 Land
47 Party thrower
49 Crusty roll
50 Off course
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61 JFK jets of yore
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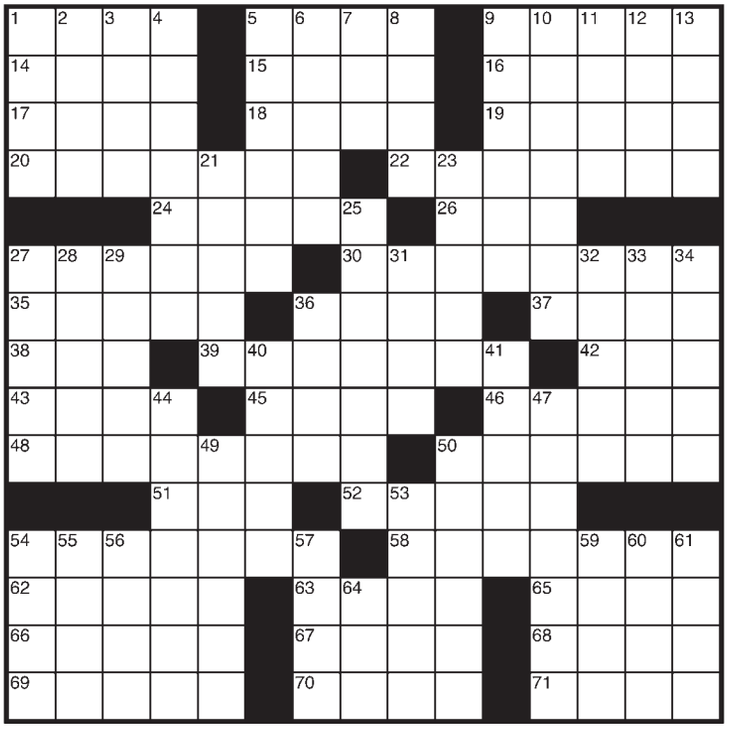

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Aries Engage in something new and exciting. Trust in your ability to get things done. Don't fear competition or fold under pressure. Stand tall and do your own thing.

Taurus If you get out and participate, you will become aware of situations influencing your community. Getting involved will give you a voice and help you make a difference.

Gemini You can only hide for so long. Deal with issues before matters spin out of control. Don't let pride stand between you and doing what's right. Become the solution.

Cancer Rely on the people who have never let you down. Trust will be required if you want to avoid situations that could potentially make you look bad.

Leo Use your intelligence to bring about positive change. Your ability to find solutions and get things done will give you an edge over your professional rivals.

Virgo Look for opportunities to learn something new and make new acquaintances. Networking functions will help you to make upcoming decisions.

Libra If you want to keep the peace, be willing to put in more effort on the domestic front. Put greater emphasis on nurturing relationships and maintaining equality.

Scorpio Don't dismiss your intuition. If something doesn't feel right to you, take action and get to the bottom of the situation quickly. Your concerns will be valid. Act now.

Sagittarius Step it up a notch and show everyone what you have to offer. Your magnetism and presentation will be difficult to resist. Positive changes are within reach.

Capricorn Overdoing it will cause problems. Overspending, excessive behavior or taking on too much will lead to added stress, long hours and a need for damage control.

Aquarius Monetary gains will come from an unexpected source. Invest in yourself, your skills and your standard of living. Love and romance will enhance your life.

Pisces Rely on your uniqueness to reach your goals. Being observant will help you put your life in perspective. Make choices based on facts and your particular skill. **EUGENIA LAST**

Yesterday's answers

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